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And Methods Based Thereon

Atty. Docket: **PF524C1**

Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.115

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit herewith a Version With Markings Showing Changes Made. Please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification

On Page 1, please replace the first full paragraph immediately after the Title with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation of, and claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/533,822, filed March 24, 2000, which is incorporated by reference in its entirety and which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/126,599, filed March 26, 1999, and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/188,208, filed March 10, 2000, each of which are herein incorporated by reference in their entireties.--

Remarks

The specification has been amended to perfect the claim to priority of the present application on Page 1. Accordingly, no new has been entered.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that the amendments made above be entered and made of record in the file history of the instant application. If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 08-3425.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 1, 2002


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